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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1

Part B for April 1917

SUBJECT.

Re powers of the Chief Engineer in Mysore for making purchases of articles required by the P. W. D.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 136

FILE HEADING.

Re. powers of the Chief Engineer in Mysore for making purchases of articles required by the P.W.D.

From

The Comptroller

No. 3232 / R.296. Dated 9-1-1914. Received 13-1-1914.

Diary No. 2662	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that under the existing practice, the powers of the chief Engr to make purchases of articles required by the Public Works Department are taken as unlimited and Solicits definite orders of Govt as to whether the existing practice does not require change in view of the limitations placed on Officers of corresponding rank in the Railway & Electrical Departments.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Kind attention is invited to Art 254 (1) & Appendix 30 of the P.W.D Code which governs the case of powers exercised by the PWD & the Local Govt.

It is a point for consideration if it is not necessary to limit the powers of the Chief Engineer as required by the Comptroller

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on the analogy of the powers prescribed for the Engineer-in-chief of the Electrical & Railway Depts.

Q-2/2/14 dtd.

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As regards para 284(i) of the Code the Chief Engr has no powers under local purchase European stores upto Rs 2500/-. But as the Chief Engr is also the Secy to Govt P.W.D. he can as such sanction purchases of stores upto that value. As regards Para Appendix 30 it would seem that his powers are limited only to the Amt. there seems hardly necessity further to limit his powers. The Chief Engr as such may order purchase of European or Asiatic stores upto the limit. Para 248 of the same Code gives power to Chief Engr to sanction works upto only Rs 2500. This Amt may therefore be taken as the limit of the powers, sanction for the purchases & stores generally

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- pharmacies Rs 50 under the same powers

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Vide Dy Comptr's note below & my marginal remarks

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In the Case of articles manufactured in India the Engineer in chief and the Chief Electrical Engineer are permitted to make purchases up to a limit of Rs 10,000 in each case. The Chief Engineer may also be given the same power.

As regards articles manufactured in foreign Countries but available from local agents or firms in India the Engineer in chief is allowed to make purchases up to a limit of Rs 5000 in each case; This limit in the Case of the chief Electrical Engineer is Rs 2500. Under the P.W.D Code a chief Engineer is permitted to make local purchase of European Stores only up to a limit of Rs 2500. The same limit may be prescribed in the Case of the Chief Engineer in regard to purchase in India of Stores manufactured in foreign Countries.

All requisitions for articles obtained from firms outside India should be sent through the Secy to Govt, both in the case of the Ry and Electrical Departments. This rule apparently means that the Sanction of Govt should be obtained in regard to every purchase made from firms

I agree HS 27/5

see Rule 13 *(

I agree HS 27/5

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outside India, however small the value involved. Govt have recently laid down the general procedure to be observed in the Selection and purchase of articles. They have also enumerated the firms from whom the different kinds of Stores may be purchased. So long as such procedure is followed and So long as purchases are made only for works sanctioned by Competent authority, for which regular estimates are prepared and appropriations obtained it does not seem necessary to insist on Govt Sanction to every article however small its value, obtained from outside. As in the case of articles manufactured in India purchase of articles made in foreign countries may be permitted to be made upto a limit of Rs 10,000 in each case, without insisting on Govt Sanction provided the procedure laid down in G.O. dy 23-12-13 is strictly followed and the purchase made is for duly Sanctioned works and is also covered by estimates and appropriations

I do not agree on this point. I think that all orders on foreign firms should be sent through Govt in the case of the P. W. D. also

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Comptr)

23-5-14

Draft accordingly

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Draft Submitted for approval

Sd. W
7/6/1914.

The draft may perhaps be sent to Mr. Lee Warner for his opinion.

H
Sd.

Sd. Lee

Very well

W

No. K 148 & 8 June/14

Forwarded with enquiries to the Secretary to the Political Department for opinion on the draft G.O. returned.

by order
H. A. Blenkinsop
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

8-6-14.

Dy. Secy. to Govt.

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Un offl No. 146/P.W.D.
Dated the 9th June 1914.

With the above reference the Financial Secretary has forwarded, for my opinion, a draft of a Government Order, in which the powers at present exercised by the Chief Engineer in the matter of - - purchases generally are sought to be freshly defined and limited. The reasons urged for putting forward such a proposal are that the powers of the Engineer-in-Chief and of the Chief Electrical Engineer in this respect have been so defined.

2. Rule 13 of Appendix 30 of the Public Works Department Code vests in the Chief Engineer the - - power to purchase articles to the limit to which he is authorised to enter into contract, and the latter limit is identical with the amount of sanctioned - - estimates for works - vide paragraph 757, Public Works Department Code.

3. The Codal rules cited above by which the Chief Engineer was governed in his actions till now have been neither modified nor rescinded. Also in the Public Works Manual recently published under the orders of Government, for the guidance of the - - - officers of this Department, the rulings under - - reference have been allowed to stand intact and - - therefore the powers of the Chief Engineer in this respect remain unaltered.

4. Again in paragraph 1 of Government Order No. Fl.2760-809/G.F. 214-10-88 dated the 23rd - - - December 1913, it is distinctly laid down that, - - whenever there is a conflict between the set of - - rules promulgated thereunder and those prescribed for any particular Department (such as the Public Works Department), the special practice of the - -

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Department will be followed. The present practice of the Codal rules regulating the powers of the - - Chief Engineer in the matter of purchases should not therefore be set aside, in favour of those specially prescribed for the guidance of the heads of other Departments.

5. It is argued that, because certain limitations have been placed on the powers of the Engineer-in-Chief and the Chief Electrical Engineer in this behalf, those of the Chief Engineer should be - - similarly restricted. The State Railway Construction Department is avowedly temporary and it will cease to exist with the completion of the railway lines. Also, the Electrical Department is subject to the control of the Public Works Department and is - - virtually a branch of that Department, as is evident from the Government Order No. 542-5/C.P.S. dated the 18th September 1913 which runs as follows:- "Government are of opinion that it is desirable to define the powers to be exercised by the Chief - - Electrical Engineer as head of the Electrical Branch of the Public Works Department". It was therefore thought expedient to restrict the powers of the head of the Electrical Department.

Moreover, it is apparent from the minutes recorded on the subject when it was under discussion and consideration of Government that, in respect of some of the heads of the schedule of the Chief Electrical Engineer's powers, those delegated to Superintending Engineers were closely followed and

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adopted. For all practical purposes, the Chief - - Electrical Engineer was treated as though he was on a par with a Superintending Engineer. Consequently to say that the Chief Engineer should have the same powers as the Chief Electrical Engineer does not sound reasonable, and the analogical argument that the Chief Engineer's powers should be modelled or based on those exercised either by the Engineer-in-Chief or the Chief Electrical Engineer also fails.

5. For the foregoing reasons, I am humbly of opinion that the powers of the Chief Engineer, - - which have already been defined by the P.W.D.Code, need not be curtailed by any special orders of - - Government. In as much as the conditions under - - which such powers have hitherto been exercised have not apparently changed, no new limitations - - seem called for. Being a controlling Department, its discretionary powers and financial limits, as already laid down in the Code and in the newly - - prepared Manual, may be left untouched.

H. Hyderabad

for Offg. Secretary to Government,

P. W. Department.

Bangalore,

20th August 1914.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

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The fact that certain powers have hitherto been exercised by the Govt does not make it inexpedient that they should ever be altered. The question has to be decided independently on its merits.

Please put up a statement showing the present powers, the proposals of the financial department corresponding to each head, and the corresponding powers in the general rules or special orders as applicable to other spending departments, such as Education, Military &c.

With this stt, the file may be circulated & brought up at a meeting.

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Secretariat.

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Inoffl No 188/PWD.
dt the 14th August 1915.

Forwarded to the Comptroller, Public Works & Railway Branch, for favour of furnishing the statement called for by Govt.

L D Walmsley Capt
for Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department

14th August 1915

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11/9/1915

Forwarded to the Secy to Govt. P.W. Dept with a statement as called for above.

T Ramsay Gordon
Asst Comptr.

9th Septr 15.

Mr III) Resolution
case to Govt

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Resubmitted to the Dewan of Mysore with the statement furnished by the Comptroller.

Rangacharlu
Secretary to Government,
P.W. Dept.

Bangalore,
13th Octo. 1915

Circulate & bring up at a meeting.

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Dated the 24th February 1916.

Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, General Department, for favour of circulation.

Secretary to Govt.
24/2/16 PW Dept

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Clause viii of the Schedule).

Question of curtailing the powers of the Chief Engineer in the matter of purchases for the Public Works Department.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

26th February 1916.

Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

First Member of Council.

Seen by the First Member of Council.

Second Member of Council.

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Subject.-Clause viii of the Schedule.

Question of curtailing the powers of the Chief Engineer in the matter of purchases for the Public Works Department.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

Council

1. Article on Codes, Manuals & Standing Orders actually observed in the PW Dept. — To be furnished by the Secy PW D in 2 months :-

2. If any be observed whether a limit of Rs 50,000 for local articles, as well as foreign ones locally available with may not be sufficient: for purchases in foreign countries to come up to Govt:

The PW D may consult Fin Dept again as to 2.

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The opinion of the Council is noted on the previous page.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary, Public Works Department, for favour of necessary further action.

Soon - Copy to note

By order,

D. M. Narasey Actg 23/3

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

11/3/16 RW.

K. O. No. 100/P.W.D. Dated 28.3.16
Enclosure bill of 31 papers.

Fwd. No. O. No. 1974 of 15

Forwarded, with Compliments, to the Financial Secretary to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of the opinion of the Council, for favour of further remarks & return.

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R V Sundaram
for Secretary to Govt.
29/3/16. P. W. Depts.

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Subd. A copy of G. O. M 5078-127/97172-13-19 dt 30.3.1916. now under issue ~~Contract~~ directing that all tenders in respect of articles of value of & above Rs 10,000/- have to be Sanctioned by Govt. It is, however, for consideration if the P.W.D

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requirements. Call for and justify a specially enhanced amount of limit. (Rs 50000).

(Secy P W D)
4/4/16.

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I venture to think that the order of 30.3.16 should apply to the P.W.D. In fact as the order stands it applies to all departments including the P.W.D and special exemption in favour of the P.W.D. is not necessary. Purchases in excess of Rs 10,000 in each case are few in number and no inconvenience is likely to be caused if such cases are submitted by the P.W. Secy to Dewan for orders through the Financial Deptt.

The order of 30.3.16 is incomplete in one respect. Under certain circumstances as explained in the purchase rules of 23-12-13 the tender system can be departed from by the Purchasing officer. It should be laid down that in such cases when the value exceeds Rs 10,000 the orders of Govt to the purchase should be obtained. An order may now issue making this clear & stating that the rules in the proposed order & in that of 30.3.16 apply to all departments including the P.W.D

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Asst. Secy
4/4/16

As regards purchases made in foreign countries, I agree that all such cases in the P.W.D. should come up to Govt.

Returned to the Secy P.W.D
B.O
S. Shanmugam
12/4.

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Resubmitted to the Dewan of Mysore.-

2. A note on the Codes, Manuals, and standing orders actually observed in the Public Works Department, called for in paragraph 1 of the orders of the Council dated the 23rd March 1916, is attached.

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3. As regards paragraph 2 of the orders of Council, the Financial Secretary says:-

(i) The order of 30th March 1916, as it stands, applies to all Departments and special exemption in favour of the P.W.Department is not necessary. It should therefore apply to the Public Works Department.

(ii) Purchases in excess of Rs.10,000 in each case are few in number, and no inconvenience is likely to be caused if such cases are submitted by the Public Works Secretary to the Dewan ~~of~~ for orders through the Financial Department.

(iii) When the tender system is departed from and the value of the purchase exceeds Rs.10,000, the orders of Government should be obtained by all Departments including the Public Works Department.

(iv) All cases of purchases in foreign countries should come up to Government.

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4. With reference to the above remarks, I have to state that,

(i) The Government order dated the 30th March 1916 has been passed while the orders of Council dated the 26th February 1916 are still under discussion, and it cannot therefore evidently apply to the Public Works Department;

(ii & iii) the purchases of this Department very often exceed Rs.10,000 in value and are not rare as in other Departments, and to restrict the purchasing power of the Chief Engineer to Rs.10,000, because purchases up to that limit rarely arise in other Departments, will only mean delay and consequent obstruction to the rapid completion of works.

Further, the proposals of the Financial Secretary that such cases should pass through the Financial Department will only tend to delay matters more. The Chief Engineer will certainly be a better judge of the materials and the capacities of the tenderers, and what the Financial Secretary can do in such a matter, is not apparent, particularly as such materials are invariably ordered only in connection with sanctioned works and only when the necessary funds are actually placed at the disposal

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of this Department. This proposal of the Financial Secretary cannot therefore be acceptable.

(iv) In the case of articles purchased out of India also, the value often exceeds Rs.10,000, and the difficulties explained above will be experienced in a greater degree if the Financial Secretary's proposal which is, that every purchase however small should be made through Government, is accepted.

5. For reasons noted above, I request that the present practice, by which the Chief Engineer is empowered to make all purchases himself, may be allowed to continue, or if a limit is considered necessary by Government, it may be fixed at least at Rs.50,000, and that no exception from the above need be made in the case of articles purchased out of India by this Department.

6. In conclusion, I beg to add that the procedure to be adopted in this Department is already governed by definite rules in the P.W. Code, and it is difficult to see what causes have contributed to the revision now proposed. The only argument advanced for the change is that the present practice is not analogous to the procedure prescribed for other

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Departments, and with reference to it I humbly represent that the question has to be decided on its own merits and not on principles of analogy, when the works of the several Departments of the State are so widely different in their nature. An expenditure of Rs.10,000, for instance, on any single work or in any single month may be a matter of extraordinary occurrence in the Excise, Education, Agricultural or other Departments, but in the Public Works Department such a contingency is of frequent occurrence and it is to avoid the delay that will be involved in sending for orders of Government all cases of purchases, that the Chief Engineer is specifically invested with the powers defined in the P.W.Code.

7. I accordingly urge that, (i) these powers may be continued or that tenders up to Rs.50,000 at least may be left to be disposed of by this office without any reference to Government, and (ii) the proposal of the Financial Secretary that such tenders may pass through the Financial Department may not be accepted.

8. Pending orders on this representation, I request that Government Order No.Fl.5078-107/G.F.172-13-19 dated 30th March 1916 may not be

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made applicable to this Department.

K. Krishnaswamy

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

3rd May 1916.

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5-5-16

The Dewan Sahib desires to know whether a limit of Rs 30000 for local and of Rs 10000 for foreign purchases may not be fixed without prejudice to the interests of work.

M. Ranjaiya
4.7.16.

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Resubmitted to the Dewan of Mysore with reference to the above note.

2. The limit of Rs.10,000 proposed for foreign purchases is too small, as most of the foreign orders for the Cauvery Reservoir Work and of the Electrical Department exceed this limit as a rule. Purchases of large value made by this and the Water Supply Departments are generally articles or machinery of special make obtainable only from the original supplier No advantage is therefore gained in imposing restrictions on such purchases, while much delay can be saved if the present practice is allowed to be continued.

3. As regards the limit of Rs.30,000 for local purchases, it may be stated that even the tenders for fuel supply to the Pumping Stations exceed this amount. The reason for proposing a higher limit (Rs.50,000) to be fixed in either case was to obviate frequent references to Government and consequent delay, particularly as in these days the tenderers do not bind themselves to the rates quoted by them beyond a fortnight or so.

4. It is therefore requested that the present practice regarding purchasing powers of the Chief Engineer up to any amount, of

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course, within sanctioned grants, may be continued. Or, if a restriction is at all to be imposed, this may be fixed at an amount not less than Rs.50,000, as suggested, both for local and foreign purchases.

5. It is also urged that this office may be allowed to submit such cases direct to Government, instead of through the Financial Secretary for reasons already stated. It is always in connection with works duly sanctioned by Government and for which funds are duly made available that such orders or purchases become necessary and no useful purpose will be served by the papers passing through the Financial Secretary, while a great deal of inconvenience and delay can be avoided, by submitting such cases direct to Government.

Ranganathaiah
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Camp-Cauvery Reservoir,
20th July 1916.

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In the permanent interests of the Department, the Chief Engineer may order purchases up to a limit of Rs.10,000 and Rs.30,000 for foreign and local materials respectively. The conditions in Mysore are different from those in British India. Local purchases

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are allowed there under strict conditions and all foreign purchases are made through the India Office.

Cases exceeding these limits may be referred to Government for orders direct and not through the Financial Secretary. In emergent cases, orders may be obtained by bringing them up in person, if necessary.

Please put up a Draft G.O. in this through the Fin. Dept.
5.8.16.

GEN. & REV. SECTT.
23 AUG 1916

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Resubmitted to the Dewan, through the Financial Secretary, with a modified draft G.O. as directed.

Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department.

Bangalore,
21st August 1916.

H.G.O. No. 458 of 16.

Filed with c.529.

This file was taken by the Council Secy. for reference in connection with some other case & returned to FI Sec on 22.9.16.

Dupd. FI Sec'y.
30/8/16

2.10.16

If the proposed order clashes with ✱ it is intended to be an exception to any gen purchase orders & that the fact must be clearly specified in the draft. Will M/S Fin examine the draft & suggest alterations in this light.
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Reference is invited to Railway Dept File re similar powers to the Engineer-in-chief (now Agent).

The power to purchase within the limits stated has there been given for being exercised with discretion in very rare circumstances.

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The order now put up refers only to the power of the Chief Engineer to sanction purchases - and does not deal with the manner in which purchases are to be effected i.e. by calling for tenders etc. The only departure from the ordinary rules is the grant of Special Exemption from the Operation of G.O. No 5078-127/G.F-172-13-19 dated 30.3.'16 according to which all tenders for more than Rs 10,000 have to be submitted for 8th and disposed of at the Secretariat by the P.W.Sec'y and the dept. Sec'y under the instructions of the Member of Govt Concerned.

To make matters clear a third para may be added in the draft G.O. as follows

"To the extent indicated above the P.W.D will not come under the operation of G.O. No 5078-127/G.F. 172-13-19 dated 30.3.'16 but the procedure for effecting purchases will continue to be governed by the

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rules contained in G.O. No FL 2760-809 GF 214-10 dated the 23rd December 1913". FL(Sec?) — 10/12

(1) I agree that the addn suggested by Mr Finance should be made.

(2) It is also a point for consideration whether the recommendations to the P.W. Secty under para 2 of the draft order should not be disposed of according to the procedure laid down in the Secty memorandum of 25.4.1916 for purchase of higher value

I think that procedure shd be adopted. If this view is accepted then a Secty memorandum to that effect should be issued by the Financial Secty.

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PW Secty)

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Resubmitted to the Dewan of Mysore, with reference to his orders dated the 5th August 1916, with the draft G.O. called for.

2. There is no objection to add another paragraph as 3 as suggested by the Financial Secretary to the draft G.O., but the point raised by that officer in para 2 on page 25 of notes need not be considered. Because it has already been decided by the Dewan in his orders dated the 5th August 1916 (vide page 23 of notes) that cases exceeding the powers of the Chief Engineer may be referred to Government direct and not through the Financial Secretary.

3. The draft G.O. put up for approval has nothing to do with the acceptance of tenders by the Chief Engineer which has been dealt with separately. The proposed G.O. relates only to purchases, both local and foreign.

R Sundaramma
For Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Bangalore,
22nd February 1917.

Draft added to and approved by Dewan
29.3.17

(1) Lists of items and draft the Accountant's Note

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unoffl No. 56/PWD.
Dated the 9th April 1917.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the Financial Secretary to Govt, for note and record.

The draft G.O which has been issued from the P. W. D. may kindly be returned for record in the P. W. Secretariat.

FIN. & REV. DEPT.
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13 APR 1917

9/4/17

R V Sundaram
For Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

23/4/17

The draft G.O. dated 7/4/17. will, if ordered be returned to the P. W. Secrt. A draft return it is sent.

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Powers of Chief Engineer, P. W. D to purchase stores.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Public Works Department.

Read:-

Letter No. 3232/C.R.296 dated the 9th January 1914 from the Comptroller, P.W and Railway Branch.

Order No. 629-32 / P.W. 3539-42 dt 7.4.17.

There are no local orders - - - defining the powers of the Chief Engineer in regard to the purchase of articles of Indian and European manufacture, required by the Public Works Department, and under the existing practice, he exercises such powers up to the extent of the amount of sanctioned estimates for works, more or less on the basis of the rulings in the Government of India Public Works Code.

2. The conditions in Mysore are different from those in British India, and in the permanent interests of the Department, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to rule that in

future

future the Chief Engineer may order purchases only up to a limit of Rs.10,000 and Rs.30,000 for foreign and local materials respectively. When in any case these limits are exceeded, proposals should be submitted to Government in the Public Works Department with definite recommendations for orders.

3. Except to the extent indicated in this order, the procedure for making purchases of stores prescribed in Government Order No. Fl. 2760-809 G.F. 214-10 dated the 23rd December 1913 will continue to apply to the Public Works Department.

27.3.17

Secretary to Govt.,
Public Work's Department.

To

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
The Comptroller, P.W. & Ry. Branch.
The Financial Secretary to Government.
The Secretary to Government, General Departmen

5/4/17

No.Fl.5588-95

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

(172-13-20).

Official Memorandum.

the 25th April 1916.

Government Order Fl.5078-127/G.F.172-13-19 dated 30th March 1916 directs the submission to Government of tenders received in cases of purchases exceeding Rs.10,000/- in value. When such tenders are received in the Secretariat concerned they should be subjected to the scrutiny of the Departmental Secretary and the Financial Secretary under the instructions of the Members of Government concerned. References regardigg tenders should be regarded as immediate in all stages in the Secretariat and their disposal expedited.

By Order,

Sd/ J.S. Chakravarti,
Financial Secretary,
to Government.

To

The Secretaries to Government.

" C O P Y "

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Statement showing the powers now exercised by the powers proposed to be delegated to the Chief Engineer for sanction

Particulars.	Powers of the Chief Engineer		Powers now exercised by the Engineer in Chief & Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
	Now exercised.	Proposed in the Financial Department vide draft on the file	
(i) Articles manufactured in India	Unlimited	Rs. 10,000 in each case.	Rs. 10,000 in each case.
(ii) Do. in Foreign Countries. local available from Local Agents on Firms in India	Unlimited	Rs. 5,000 in each case.	Rs. 5,000 in each case.
(iii) Articles to be obtained from Firms outside India	Unlimited	All requisitions to be sent through the Secretary P.W.D.	All requisitions to be sent through the Secretary to Government Railway Department

20/8/15.

to buy the Records of the General Spending Departments and purchase of articles of European and Indian Manufacture ——

Powers now exercised by Chief Electrical Engineer	Civil Disbursing Officers	Civil Countersigning Officers	Forest	Remarks
Rs. 10,000/- in each case.	Rs 10/- in each case. Vide Para 256 M. T. M.	Rs 25/- in each case	Under Section 41 of the Forest Code, the Conservator can sanction purchase of Live Stock, Stores, tools & plant, including Office and Rest House Furniture & Tents up to Rs 500/- in each case	Special Orders of Govt empowering Civil Heads of Departments to incur special expenditure are to be found in Appendix D. M. T. M. (Vol I)
All pay & allowances of Officers sent through the Secretary to Government Vide D.	Rs 5/- in each case Vide Para 256 M. T. M.	Rs 10/- in each case		
All pay & allowances of Officers sent direct	Rs 2500/- in each case			

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Note on the Codes, Manuals, etc., followed in the Public Works Department.

(1) The Government of India P.W. Code as amended by the Mysore Public Works Manual.	All general rulings applicable to the Public Works Department are included in this Code, with the exception of the rules contained in the Civil Service Regulations.
(2) The Mysore Service Regulations	These relate to salary, leave, pension and travelling allowances.
(3) The Government of India Civil Account Code, Volume I, and its Companion, the Mysore Treasury Manual.	This is intended for the use of Treasury Officers and disbursing officers and includes the standing orders of Government relating to expenditure in the various Departments as well as the rules of procedure laid down from time to time by the Comptroller.
(4) Powers of sanction as authorised by Government.	The local powers of sanction of Public Works Officers are embodi in the Mysore Public Works Manual r ferred in item (1) above. In G.O. No.542-5/C.P.S. dated 18th Septembe 1913 (put up), the powers of the Chief Electrical Engineer as head of the Electrical Branch are defined. (This is now under revision)

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It is requested that in future communications on the subject, the No. and date of this letter, and the distinguishing letters below the number as given opposite, may be quoted. All communications should be addressed as follows:—Comptroller, Mysore Public Works and Railway Branch, Bangalore.

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MYSORE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,

Dated Bangalore, the 9th January 1914

FROM

J. S. CHAKRAVARTI, ESQ., M.A., F.R.A.S., etc.,
Comptroller to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Public Works and Railway Branch.

To

The Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Financial Department,
B A N G A L O R E

Sir,

There are no orders defining the powers of the Chief Engineer in regard to the purchase of articles of Indian and European Manufacture. The powers of the Engineer-in-Chief, State Railway Construction Department, and of the Chief Electrical Engineer in this respect have been recently defined in the Government orders noted in the margin.

Under the existing practice, the powers of the Chief Engineer to make purchases of articles required by the Public Works Department are taken as unlimited. It is a point for orders if the existing practice does not require change, especially in view of the limitations placed on officers of corresponding rank in the Railway and Electrical Departments. I solicit the favour of definite orders in the matter for the guidance of audit.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for ~~Deputy~~ Comptroller,
P. W. and Railway Branch.

Chief Electrical Engineer's Powers defined in P.W.D. Secretary's No.542-5/C.P.S.18-9-1913.
Engineer-in-Chief's Powers defined in (For details Please see Statement Enclosed)
Railway Secretary's no. 607/Agr. 3.12.1912.
(For details please see separate statement enclosed)

MYSORE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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From

J. S. CHAKRAVARTI, Esq.,
M.A., F.R.A.S., etc.,
Comptroller to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
P. W. & Ry. Branch.

To

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SUBJECT

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT,

Bangalore, 15th Feb 1913.

My dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation this afternoon I beg to say that I shall be happy to take up the duties of the Secretary to the Economic Conference which you have so kindly offered to me. I take it that the terms of appointment will be as follows as stated in your D.O. letter to me :—

(i) The pay of the appointment to be 800 Rs. p.m. the 1st year, 900 Rs. p.m.

the second year & two Rs for the
third year.

(ii) That in addition there shall
be a local allce of 200 Rs pm

(iii). That in regard to t. a. other
matters I shall have the status
of a Dy Commr

(iv) That my place in the general
line will not be affected & that
I will be confirmed as
Dy Commr when my turn
comes round in the usual
course - an assurance to this
effect I have already given in place

(v) That at the end of 2 or 3 years,
I shall have the option of
reverting to general work

I trust I have stated the conditions correctly -

I await formal orders to make arrangements to ship to Bangalore -

Yours sincerely

C S Balasundaram

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Bangalore,
12th Fenruary 1913.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 5th Febru
has brought matters to a standstil
There is some difficulty in obtair
the consent of authorities whose
will is necessary. If you ~~think~~ ~~the~~ allowance ~~may be increased fr~~ ~~150~~ to Rs.200, I will try. Will
kindly let me have a reply by ret
post and oblige?

Yours sincerely,

RC
12-2-13

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
T u m k u r.

Recd
24/7/13

Tumkur
6 Feb 13

My dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your kind letters of the 2nd & 5th inst. & for the sympathetic consideration you have evidently given to my representations, though you have not seen your way to meet my wishes fully. May I once more urge that my request for some increase of pay is reasonable considering the circumstances & that even if a rise to 1000 Rs at once is

thought premature, I may at least be given 900 ℔ to start with & 1000 ℔ after a year, exclusive of the allowance. This would be somewhat more advantageous to me than the terms given in your letter of the 5th. The difference is not much ~~very~~ from the point of view ~~of saving~~ it would mean a great deal to me & of cost. But, I should consider the concession a great thing. I sincerely trust you will see your way to make this slight modification.

The gift I ask for would be relatively less both in respect of amount & in the matter of affecting the interests of other officers than the recent promotion of Mr Dr. Narasimaraw - I hope you will not misunderstand the reference to the latter appointment as being made in any spirit of envy or otherwise, but I refer to it only to show that a little promotion to me in a new temporary appointment will not be open to objection -

In the hope of a favourable reply, I remain,
My dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
C Balasunderam Ayyar

Bangalore,

CONFIDENTIAL.

February 1913.

My dear Sir.

In further reply ~~to your~~ D.O. letter dated 2nd February 1913, I write to inform you that I am now in a position to recommend your appointment as Secretary to the Economic Conference for the first year on a salary of Rs.800 with an allowance of Rs.150. If your services are continued to the second and third years, you will get a salary of Rs. 900 and Rs.1,000, respectively, exclusive of allowance.

I hope you will consider this satisfactory and give us of your best for the next three years. We shall then be practically accepting you on your own hard terms.

I trust this will enable you, on receipt of this letter, to wire the word 'accepted'.

Yours sincerely,

5/2/13.

(Dewan).

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esqr., B.A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur.

Tunbridge
27 Feb 1913.

My dear Sir,

In continuation of the note I gave you in person yesterday I beg to send this further communication. I am extremely sorry to trouble you in this manner with what may appear to be afterthoughts, but in the short time I had yesterday to consider the proposal made to me I was unable to look at it in all its aspects and could put down on paper only what

occurred to my mind foremost. Further thought on the subject has induced me to place some other points before you for your favourable consideration.

In regard to the emoluments of the appointment of Secy to the Economic Conference suggested in the note (i) that I may be confirmed as Dy Comm immediately & (ii) allowed to draw my grade pay plus an allce of 150 Rs pm. I placed stress on the confirmation but you were pleased to point out certain

difficulties in the way of the immediate confirmation and were prepared to give me an assurance that I would be confirmed when my turn came in the usual course.

From the 6th June last I shall be getting Rs 800 p.m. as Dy Comm^r under the Civil Service Rules as revised & the travelling necessarily incidental to a District charge gives me travelling allowance averaging about Rs 100 – 150 a month – enough to meet a large portion of the cost of upkeep

of horses + carriages. In my new position I shall get, according to the proposal already made — Rs 800 + 150 Rs local allce — practically the same as I am doing now.

I shall therefore be giving up pleasant and congenial work and taking up duties which you were yourself pleased to describe as likely to involve + require much study, thought, organisation and tactful dealing with several officers of various temperaments. As I have already told you I am ready to do the work to the

best of my ability, but the
point I now wish to make
is that the remuneration as
proposed, though I suggested it
myself, will not be adequate
considering the nature of the
work & will not also be practi-
cally anything more than what
I am now getting for less
onerous duties. I attached
considerable value to the
prospect of immediate
confirmation as Dy Commr

but since there are likely to be difficulties in the way of that request being granted & I shall have to wait for my regular turn, I have been obliged to reconsider the position and to venture to ask for an appreciable increase of immediate emoluments to compensate me for the incidental disadvantages of the change and as an adequate remuneration for the greater arduousness of the duties of the new office. If the duties involve travelling in the District I may

have to keep a small motor car or a motor cycle at least.

I take the liberty of bringing to your notice that from May 1912 to Jany 13 I have been drawing only 700/- as against 800/- which I was getting for some years in the Secretariat. Again the change from Bangalore to Trunkan cost me well over 300 Rs for trainage, carriage &c for myself, my family & my things, while all that I got in the shape of allowances was about 30 or 40 Rs. The proposed shift back will mean a similar expenditure. I do not wish to grumble about these matters, & I am

sorry to have to refer to them at all, but I am obliged to state them to you as facts that touch my slender purse to an appreciable extent.

I would therefore submit the following proposals in regard to the emoluments of the new office. [Pardon me for bringing to your mind the saying that the labourer is worthy of his hire.]

(i) The pay of the Secr Economic Conference may be fixed at 1000 Rs + a local allce of 150 Rs.

(ii) The officer will have the status of a Dy Comm in regard to travelling allowance, official precedence & the like.

(iii) That I may be allowed to have a lien on a Dy Commnship in the general line with an assurance of confirmation as Dy Commn when my turn comes round in the ordinary course of Seniority &c.

(iv) The term of abbointment as Seer &c ~~&~~ may be for 2 a 3 years with an option to revert at the end of the term or otherwise for sufficient reason.

I beg of you to give your favourable consideration to these suggestions & requests in lieu of those contained in my previous letter & place them before His Highness the Maharaja with your strong support.

One other point I would like to write about - I gathered from your remarks yesterday, though the point was not specifically mentioned, that the Secr E.C is to work directly

under you & not in Subordination
to Mr Chatterton or other officer.
I beg an assurance on this
point for if the latter arrange-
-ment is contemplated, the
appointment would have few
attractions for me.

Begging once more to be
excused for taking up
your valuable time with
a long letter,

I remain,
my dear Sir,
Yours Sincerely
C S Balasundaram Iyer

To Vencatarya Esq C E